

Hot water is a powerful stimulant, causing the uterus to contract firmly, thus closing up the sinuses and tubes, and expelling the injection fluid from its cavity.

7. To prevent nervous chill and rise of temperature, a glass of brandy or some diffusible stimulant should be given fifteen minutes before operating. The stimulant acts primarily by bracing up the vascular system, and secondarily by increasing the resisting power of the nervous system. If this precaution be taken, and the injection be given rapidly and without undue exposure or chilling of the surface, rigors and fever will rarely follow. In very nervous, excitable patients, or where there is likely to be pain, ether may be advisable.

8. During the more severe methods of intrauterine treatment, such as curetting or brushing (*écouvillonnage* of *Doléris*), the placental site is apt to be disturbed; some of the little plugs may be scraped or brushed away from the mouths of vessels, permitting the entrance of air, fluid or septic matter. Curetting or brushing should be followed at once by a small douche of very hot water given very slowly and carefully; a bacillus of iodoform should then be passed into the uterine cavity and the vagina loosely packed with a strip of iodoform gauze.

THE TREATMENT OF ULCERS BY THE TRANS- PLANTATION OF LARGE PIECES OF SKIN, AFTER THIERSCH'S METHOD.

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While skin-grafting by Reverdin's method, which consists in the placing of small pieces of skin at intervals on a base of healthy granulations, is known to, and practiced by surgeons everywhere, the treatment of ulcers by the removal of the diseased tissues and the transplantation of large pieces of skin—a process which is known in Germany as Thiersch's method of skin transplantation—is, I believe, but little known to English and American surgeons, and but rarely practised by them. The essential principles of this method are:

(1) That the part to be treated be prepared by the removal